the siege of Mantua, and am here with nearly the
army. I shall seize the first opportunity of engaging
emy, and thereby settling the fate of Italy. We are
mt; I have killed five horses.
have had reverses, but victory is inclined to rejoin
indards.
Castiglione: through the 2d Wurmser was concentrating, draw-
the troops he could from Mantua, ranging them sn Solferino and the Chiese. He brought together
men. The fate of Italy was still in suspense. so gave orders for concentrating my columns. I ded in person to Lonato; imagine my surprise when came in summoning the commandant of Lonato to der because, so it was said, he was surrounded! were, in point of fact, columns in touch with our ts, and the Brescia road was cut. I realized that roops could be only the d6bris of a division that had ut off and was trying to force its way through our The position was an awkward one, as I had not han 1200 men with me. I ordered the officer with % to be brought before me and his eyes unbandaged. med him that if, within the space of eight minutes, ision had not surrendered, I should give no quarter, ficer was astounded at seeing me there, and a mo-